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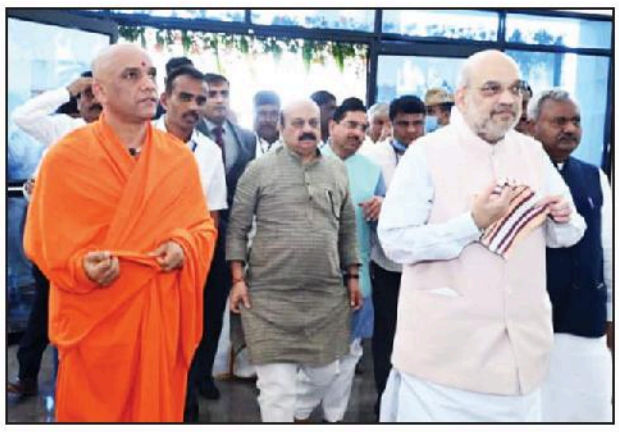
Amit Shah in Mandya

Inaugurates Rs. 260 crore Mega Milk Dairy; calls for KMF-AMUL collaboration



Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah seen with Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and others in Mandya this morning.

Mandya, Dec. 30 (Mohan Raj & BCT)- Union Home Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party's key strategist Amit Shah inaugurated the Mega Milk Dairy of Mandya Milk Union (MANMUL) at Gejjalagere in Mandya this morning.

The inauguration took place in the presence of Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, State Ministers K. Gopalaiah and S.T. Somashekar.

The Home Minister's Mandya visit is crucial in the wake of BJP preparing for the 2023 Assembly elections with special focus on the Old Mysuru region, where the party is weak. Mandya in Old Mysuru region is a Vokkaliga community-dominated district, largely seen as a bastion of JD(S), where the Congress too is strong, and the BJP is trying to make inroads.

(See AMIT SHAH on page 7)

Modi's mother passes away

Last rites performed at Gandhinagar; PM carries mortal remains; lights pyre with brother

Heeraben Modi

Gandhinagar, Dec. 30 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother Heeraben Modi passed away at Ahmedabad's UN Mehta Hospital at the age of 99. She breathed her last at around 3.30 am. Heeraben Modi was born in Vadnagar in Mehsana, Gujarat, on June 18, 1923. She leaves behind five sons and a daughter — Somabhai Modi, Amrut Modi, Prahlad Modi, Pankaj Modi, Narendra Modi and Vasantiben Hasmukhlal Modi. She lived in Raysan village near Gandhinagar with Pankaj Modi.

(See MOTHER on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 30th December 2022

Selected for Republic Day Camp at Delhi

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Diya Ganesh, a Grade 9 student of The Orchids Public School, Kumarabeedu, Mysuru, has been selected for the Republic Day Camp-2023 to be held at Delhi.

She is the only cadet selected from the Karnataka and Goa Directorate Junior Wing.

NCC was started at The Orchids Public School under 14 Karnataka Battalion last year. 50 cadets are being trained in 'A' certificate Junior Division (JD) Junior Wing (JW).

The School has introduced NCC for all the students of 8th and 9th to inculcate values like discipline, patriotism, leadership quality, team work, etc.

Diya Ganesh has attended 7 different camps in Mysuru and Bengaluru before getting selected for the R-Day camp.

Diya Ganesh

Diya is the daughter of Cheekanda Ganesh Madappa and Savi Ganesh, residents of Dattagalli.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Bank and cyber frauds in India are on the rise. According to data by the Reserve Bank of India, frauds have cost the country an estimated Rs. 100 crore a day over the last seven years. The frauds reported in 2021-22 were 23.69% higher than in the previous year (9,103 cases reported compared to 7,359 in 2020-21), although there was a decline in the amount involved. The main reasons for the rise in fraud include greater use of digital payments, telephone banking, and online banking services. Growing fraud also means rising losses for financial institutions and increasing cases for law enforcement to solve.

One way to reduce losses is by adopting Voice Technology (VT), which encompasses voice biometrics or voice/speech recognition technology. The global adoption of smart-phones has led to a dramatic increase in biometrics for security. However, these methods are cumbersome, not entirely secure, and vulnerable to deep fakes. With banks and establishments looking for ways to reduce fraud and identity theft risks, one of the best ways to do this is through the use of voice biometrics.

An emerging technology, it uses the unique characteristics of a person's voice as identification. The technology creates a digital voiceprint and compares it to a caller's voice. Voice authentication can significantly improve security over knowledge-based authentication methods, which fraudsters have exploited to scam people. Compared to other biometrics, voice use is the cheapest technology, and does not require a reader or special device. It is also non-invasive, portable and affords remote identification. Although banks have traditionally relied on the use of passwords, passwords are the weakest link in security (81% of hacking related breaches involve weak passwords). Unlike a password, a customer's voice is impossible to spoof or copy, and is far more challenging to hack. VT verifies a caller swiftly in seconds by analysing the caller's voice and flags suspicious calls. VT allows privacy because it does not require users to reveal personal information. — *K. Jayanth Murali in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Temperatures drop to -135.8 Degrees here

New York: According to NASA Earth Observatory satellites, the coldest place on Earth is a mountain ridge on the East Antarctic Plateau where temperatures can drop to -135.8 degrees Fahrenheit (-93.2 degrees Celsius).

For the past week, much of the US has been affected by an extreme winter storm that brought massive snowfalls, destructive winds, and freezing temperatures as low as -20 degrees Fahrenheit (-28 degrees Celsius). That's low enough for the average person to suffer frostbite in just under 10 minutes of direct exposure, but it's nowhere near as dangerous as the coldest place on Earth. NASA satellites recently showed a high mountain ridge on the East Antarctic Plateau where, on clear winter nights, temperatures dropped to an abysmal -135.8 degrees Fahrenheit (-93.2 degrees Celsius).

This East Antarctic Plateau high ridge has retained the title of "world's coldest place" since 2013. The lowest recorded temperature was -133.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

Man with 12 wives and 102 kids

Lusaka: Mzee Musa Hasahya, a 67-year-old Ugandan farmer, is one of the most prolific polygamists in history, with 12 wives, 102 children, and a whopping 568 grandchildren to his name. He now plans to stop growing his family.

In his home village of Lusaka, polygamy is legal. Despite growing up in abject poverty, he managed to rise above his condition and was appointed as the village chairperson for several decades. Whenever he approached a family about marrying their daughter, they always agreed. Hasahya married his first wife in 1971, and then kept taking new wives. Because his father only produced two children, which threatened to extinct his clan, he took it upon himself to ensure that his bloodline endured, producing over 100 children.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Calcium supplement causes renal stone

Fact: Calcium intake in moderation would prevent stone as it binds to oxalate and prevent its absorption in intestine.

By Dr. THIMMAIAH K. A. - Consultant – Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Students bag Best Oral Presentation Award

Varsha *Lakshana*

Mysuru, Dec. 30 - Two Ph.D. students from Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Department of Biochemistry, JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru — D.S. Varsha and D.P. Lakshana — received the Best Oral Presentation Award at the International Conference on Nurturing Innovative Technological Trends in Engineering BIOscience, NITTE-BIO 2022 organised by NMAM Institute of Technology, Nitte, recently.

Both are conducting their research study for Ph.D. under the mentorship of Dr. Prasanna K. Santhekadur.

Varsha also got a travel grant in a recently held International Conference on Nutraceuticals and Chronic Diseases 2022 organised by Delhi University, North Campus, New Delhi while Lakshana got 2nd Prize for her poster presentation in the National-level conference which was jointly organised by Department of Community Medicine, JSS Medical College, Division of Food, Nutrition and Dietetics, School of Life Sciences, JSS AHER and Department of Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore.

Vidyut Adalat tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 30 - Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be conducting quarterly Vidyut Adalat at the Offices of Bannur and T. Narasipur Sub-Divisions (coming under Nanjangud Division) on Dec. 31 from 2 pm to 3 pm for power consumers of Bannur, Athahalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra, Beedanahalli, Hanumanalu, Koodagahalli, B.C. Halli, Heggur, Maliyuru, Turaganur, Ankanahalli, Chidravalli, Chamanahalli and Makanahalli.

T. Narasipur Subdivision - 4 pm to 5 pm: Bhyrapura, Kiragasuru, Gargeshwari, Hosakote, Tumbla, Moogur, Vatalu, Kotthegala, Alagudu, Kurahatti, Madapura, Hemmige, T. Doddapura, Kaliyuru, Talakad, B.C. Halli, Holesalu, Benakahalli, Doddebagilu, Kolathur, Muthalawadi, Somanathapura, Sosale and Ukkalagere.

Power consumers may attend the Adalat at their respective CESC Offices and air their grievances in writing and find solutions, according to a press release from Executive Engineer (EE), CESC, Nanjangud Division.

REALLY...?

- *It took almost two years to produce Shakespeare's First Folio. The First Folio was printed in 1623 and was the first time that Shakespeare's plays had been published together.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A candidate at a job interview was asked a tough question to which he mumbled an inaudible answer.

The interviewer said: "Come again?"

The candidate got up, collected his file, went out of the room and came back again !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.70
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.56
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.51
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.12

VOICE OF THE READER

Ensure smooth and orderly entry and exit of vehicles at KRS

Sir,

I fully concur and support the views expressed by one of the visitors to Brindavan Gardens in this column on 27.12.2022 under the caption *"Ordeal of visitors to Brindavan Gardens and traffic chaos."* I have also faced the similar problems many times.

One has to think twice before planning to visit KRS Dam because of the very casual approach at the parking spot which leads to the unpleasant situations as narrated by the visitor. There will be no teller or asker at the parking spot once the parking fees (which is very exorbitant compared to the service extended) collected and the vehicles are let into the parking place and the safety and smooth exit of the vehicles are not ensured. Moreover the persons manning at the place behave very rudely with the public.

Will the authorities concerned take these incidents seriously and implement proper traffic discipline to ensure smooth and orderly entry and exit of the vehicles by deputing some duty-minded people at the parking spot at KRS dam and make the visit to the dam a memorable and joyful one.

—S.R. Sreenivasa Prasanna
Vijayanagar
28.12.2022

Office-bearers of Indian Dental Association

Indian Dental Association (IDA), Mysuru Branch, conducted its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) recently and the new office-bearers for the year 2023 were elected. *Sitting from left:* ***Dr. R.J. Raghu (State Branch representative), Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi (CDH Convenor), Dr. T.K. Sandeep (Secretary), Dr. Pravardhan Nayak (President), Dr. Nitin (Immediate Past President), Dr. Raghunath (Treasurer) and Dr. P.S. Praveen Kumar (Vice-President);*** *Standing from left:* ***Dr. Ganesh (CDE, Convenor), Dr. S. Pradeep (Joint Secretary), Dr. G.S. Jayaprakash (EC member), Dr. Arunkumar (EC member), Dr. Girish Kumar (Assistant Secretary), Dr.S. Meenakshi (Editor), Dr. Poornima (EC member), Dr. C.K. Sendil (Vice-President), Dr. K.P. Mahesh (President-Elect), Dr. B.C. Mamatha Gowda (EC member), Dr. R.G. Praveen (EC member), Dr. Ravikiran (EC member) and Dr. Sathyaprakash (EC member).***

Asteroid Search Campaign for students, volunteers at COSMOS

Mysuru, Dec. 30- The Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS), Mysuru, is facilitating an asteroid search campaign where students get to work on actual data from the PanSTARRS telescope in Hawaii in collaboration with Hands-on Universe, India.

The campaign is part of International Asteroid Search Campaign conducted by International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC). Students and interested people will be given datasets of photographs taken by the telescope to analyse and will be trained on how to report them. In the case of a discovery, names of students and volunteers will be listed as part of preliminary discoveries. There will be observations over a few years. If confirmed, the student/team who discovered it will be allowed to name the asteroid.

All participants will receive a certificate endorsed by IHOU, IASC, PanSTARRS and NASA on successful completion. Participation is free and anyone interested in astronomy who meets the requirements is encouraged to apply. The student/volunteer must be 14 years old and they must have a personal laptop or desktop, have internet accessibility and must know the basic computer skills. Registration Link: *https://forms.gle/FDCUdXHuzFU5H8b88*, according to N. Amoghavarsha, Project Associate-I, COSMOS (Mob: 63621-59474).

Release of MDJA Diary and New Year calendar tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (SSM)- The Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has organised a programme at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road here tomorrow (Dec. 31) at 10.30 am to release the New Year-2023 calendar and diary brought out by MDJA.

Mayor Shivakumar, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy and Siddharta Group Chairman P.V. Giri will be the chief guests. MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) will preside, according to a press release from MDJA General Secretary M. Subrahmanya.

Filing of Income-Tax Returns

Mysuru, Dec. 30- With the insertion of new Section 234F under Income-Tax Act, 1961, it is levied a fee for delay in filing the Income-Tax returns for the Assessment year 2022-23 (FY 2021-22). Any person who is earning Salary, Pension or any other income including business who have not filed their Income-Tax returns for the FY 2021-22 shall file by paying a fee of Rs.5,000 on or before 31.12.2022.

However, the fee payable is restricted to Rs.1,000 for small tax payers whose total income is less than Rs.5 lakh, which is arrived after allowing all deductions. Those who have not filed their Income Tax Returns for the FY 2021-22, shall file on or before 31.12.2022.

For detailed information, reference may be made to provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961, the Income-Tax Rules, 1962, relevant circulars and/or notifications, says N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates.

Bendre Award for CPK

Dr. CPK

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (MK)- Veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) has been chosen for the prestigious 'Da.Ra. Bendre Kavya' award given by Shivamogga-based Karnataka Sangha.

Dr. CPK will be conferred the award at a programme to take place at Karnataka Sangha auditorium in Shivamogga tomorrow (Dec. 31).

Former University of Mysore Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna will deliver the felicitation address. Sangha President M.N. Sundarraj will preside.

The award, given biennially to those who have contributed to the field of poetry, carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.

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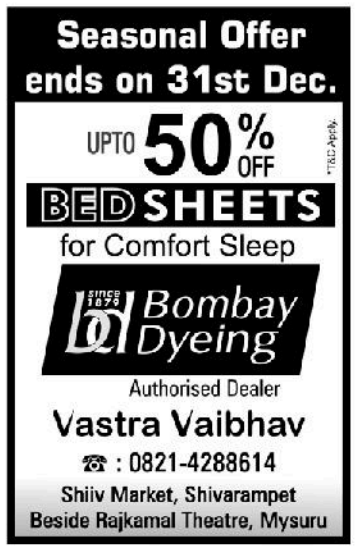

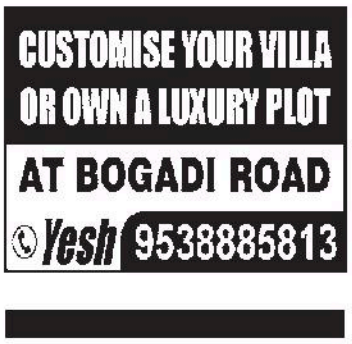

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NEWS BRIEFS

Meditation session

Gurukripa Meditation Centre, Mysuru, has organised a free online meditation session 'Abundance Blessings-2023, Mantra Sound Bath Meditation' on Jan. 1 at 9 pm through Zoom application. Interested may call Mob: 91417-58569, according to a press release from Dr. U. Ganesh Rao.

Kanakadasa Jayanthi

Marking the 535th Kanakadasa Jayanthi, Mahadasa Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa Seva Samithi and Kanaka Yuva Sena Samithi have jointly organised a procession from Krishna Dhama on Sahukar Chennaiah Road on Dec. 31 at 10 am. Former Chief Minister and Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah will participate in the procession which will pass through main streets of the city. On Jan. 1 at 12.30 pm, mass feeding has been organised at Kanaka Mandira in Janatha Nagar, according to a press release from Corporator J. Gopi.

Ganamanjari

Bhoomika Association and Late Mike Chandru Geleyara Balaga have jointly organised 'Ganamanjari' music programme marking the New Year celebration at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road, Mysuru, at 5 pm on Jan. 1. Old Kannada, Hindi and Telugu film songs will be sung by singers Srinath Bharadwaj, Dr. M.D. Srinivas, C. Vishwanath, Hamsini Kumar, Ramachandra, Divya and others The percussion team will accompany the singers. Songs sung by Singer P.B. Srinivas will be sung by playback singer Srinath Bharadwaj. Music Director M.S. Prasanna Kumar will be present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	119.06 feet
Inflow	:	1,977 cusecs
Outflow	:	3,831 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,271.35 feet
Inflow	:	472 cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil

HARANGI DAM

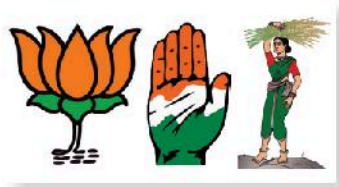
Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,828.01 feet
Inflow	:	147 cusecs
Outflow	:	75 cusecs

Talk politics over a cuppa at hangouts in city

Mysuru, Dec.30 (SBD&BS)- With the elections just a couple of months away, the guessing games have started with several hangouts in the city setting the stage for airing views.

What has set the wheels in motion is the recent political rallies involving various parties, especially Congress, BJP and JD(S) which are leaving no stone unturned to outdo each other in the coming elections mostly to be held in May 2023.

The parties have been sounding a poll bugle at every given opportunity and the people, especially those who keenly follow politics, have been discussing with their friends in hangouts like tea shops, hotels and restaurants or regular meeting points in public places.



Whenever they call on each other, either for a cup of tea or breakfast or chats, most of the discussions will be centred around the recent political churnings, at Nazarbad, Vontikoppal, K.G. Koppal, Devaraja Mohalla among several other places.

Even in commercial areas too, vendors can be heard making similar discussions during break, with any political developments impacting their business too.

From the possibilities of former CM Siddharamaiah returning to Varuna Constituency to who can take on G.T. Devegowda in Chamundeshwari, the chances of G.D. Harish Gowda winning from Hunsur and who among former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan will emerge lucky in getting ticket to contest the election from Nanjangud, many such relevant topics form the core of discussion.

Will JD(S) wrest H.D. Kote seat and Congress pose a tough fight to JD(S) in Periyapatna and the regional party be able to retain T. Narasipur and who has the temerity to take on JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh in K.R. Nagar again and the topics add on.

The current political scenario at Krishnaraja, Chamaraja and Narasimharaja Assembly Constituencies in the city, along with those of neighbouring districts like Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Kodagu, Ramanagar, Bengaluru and other districts are also discussed at length. With caste playing a key role in elections, the discussions go deep into community-wise votes in the Constituencies and their strength that can make or mar the chances of the parties in the coming elections.

Ambi's son Abhishek to contest polls from Chamundeshwari?

Bengaluru, Dec. 30 (KMS& BS)- Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency in Mysuru district is in the news again.

Speculations are rife that actor Abhishek, son of actor-turned- politician late Ambarish will be fielded here (Chamundeshwari) from Congress, with Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah himself making a move in this regard.

Siddharamaiah, who is still sulking over his defeat in the previous Assembly elections held in 2018 from Chamundeshwari, considered as his fiefdom, against his friend-turned-foe G.T. Devegowda (GTD) of JD(S), is pinning hopes on Abhishek, a novice, to avenge the loss.

Buzz is that Siddharamaiah has also discussed the matter with Abhishek's mother and sitting Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, but she is yet to take a call.

What has prompted Siddharamaiah to make such a move

Abhishek *Siddharamaiah*

is the recent surprise political development involving GTD.

GTD, who was miffed with his party top brass, had been maintaining a distance from the party, dropping enough hints over joining Congress. However, he recently renewed his ties with JD(S) and also announced to remain in the regional party fold.

A vexed Siddharamaiah also held talks with actor and former Chitradurga MP Shashikumar, who belongs to Nayaka community, to pit him against GTD. But Shashikumar joined BJP recently, dashing the hopes of Siddharamaiah.

So, Siddharamaiah is playing cards close to his chest to bring in Abhishek, a vokkaliga, to give a perfect fight to GTD, also from the same community. The division in community votes will upset the apple cart of GTD and the grand old party can score a comfortable win with the help of backward communities votes considered as the Congress party's trusted vote bank.

It is no more a secret that Congress had played a key role in the thumping victory of Sumalatha against JD(S) candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the Parliamentary election held in 2019 from Mandya Constituency. Though BJP had also helped Sumalatha by not fielding its nominee, Congress had made all attempts behind the screen, to improve the chances of Sumalatha against their political *bete noire* Nikhil of the JD(S).

Taking all these into cognisance, Congress is planning to field Abhishek from Chamundeshwari, it is learnt.

Sumalatha to join BJP soon: Yogeshwar

Sumalatha

Yogeshwar

Mandya, Dec. 30 (BS)- Amid the buzz created over the glaring picture of independent Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish in the flex boards of BJP erected to welcome Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the sugar town today, former Minister and BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar has disclosed that Sumalatha will be joining the saffron party soon.

Addressing media persons here on Thursday, Yogeshwar said "there have been talks over Sumalatha embracing the party since long. Even the MP is also very much inclined towards joining the party and it will happen soon."

There has been an impression that the BJP top brass is focused only on Belagavi and Hubballi in North Karnataka and coastal areas. Now, Amit Shah is coming to Mandya to strengthen the party in old Mysuru region. He will be visiting all the districts in this part of the State and Prime Minster Narendra Modi is also expected to come, added Yogeshwar.

Junior PWD Engineers recruitment

Govt. to announce eligibility list soon: Minister

Belagavi, Dec. 30 - "The eligibility list for the appointment of 330 Junior Public Works Department (PWD) Engineers through Karnataka Public Service Commission, will be announced soon," said PWD Minister C.C. Patil during the winter session of the State Assembly recently.

The Minister was answering to a question raised during zero hour by BJP MLA S. Sureshkumar at the winter session of the State Legislature at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi.

"We have already discussed the matter with the Law Minister to ensure that no irregularities take place in the recruitment process. The eligibility list will be released soon and deserving aspirants will be provided jobs," said the Minister.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Leopards trapped
in Mysuru, Pandavapura

Mysuru/Pandavapura, Dec. 30 (MTY&KS)- Two leopards, one each in Mysuru and Pandavapura, have been trapped in cages placed by the Forest Department.

While one male leopard, aged about five years was trapped in the cage at Madhavagere village in Mysuru taluk yesterday morning, another leopard was trapped at Chikkakoppal village in Pandavapura taluk yesterday afternoon. This is the third leopard to be trapped in Mysuru taluk recently.

While the leopard trapped at Madhavagere was released into a forest area after the veterinarian examined it and confirmed that it was healthy, the leopard caught at Chikkakoppal, would be released into Nagarahole or Bandipur Forests after seeking permission from the higher officials.

Woman killed, two injured in wild elephant attack
Elephant tranquillised, captured within 8 hours

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (MTY&KS)- An elderly woman was killed while two others sustained serious injuries when a wild elephant attacked them in Hunsur taluk of Mysuru District this morning.

The woman, who was killed has been identified as Chikkamma (60), wife of Siddegowda of Chikkabeechanahalli in Hunsur taluk. Those injured are Ranju of Doddabeechanahalli and Ravi of Biligere. Chikkamma along with her husband Siddegowda were spreading horse gram grains on the road at about 6.30 am, when the wild elephant, which emerged from the nearby bushes, pushed Chikkamma with its trunk killing her on the spot. Siddegowda, who ran for safety shouted for help, alerting others nearby.

Chikkamma

The elephant, which moved to Doddabeechanahalli, pushed pn Ranju, who was clicking its photos on his mobile phone resulting in Ranju sustaining fracture to his shoulder. Moving further, the elephant then stomped one Biligere Ravi on his chest, resulting in Ravi sustaining fractures to his ribs. Ravi has been rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru, where his condition is said to be critical.

Hunsur Division Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Seema and Forest Department officials from Mysuru Division have rushed to the spot. Four tamed elephants have been summoned and efforts were made to drive the wild elephant back to the forest.

The Forest Department personnel, who swung into action, conducted an operation to capture it. The wild elephant was tranquilised at about 1.15 pm and was finally captured at about 2 pm with the help of four tamed elephants. The decision to shift the captured elephant will be taken after consulting the higher officers. Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, Bilikere and Hunsur Police visited the spot.

Liquor sales set to go high this New Year
80,000 litres of beer, Indian-Made Liquor expected to be sold on Dec. 31

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Dec. 30- The love for beer and Indian-Made (foreign) Liquor is usually quite evident as the New Year approaches and on Dec. 31, a business of Rs. 25 crore has been projected in Mysuru within the city limits, guzzling the lion's share of 70 percent. Sales are expected to touch Rs. 20 crore mark today (Dec. 30).

As the midnight clock strikes on Saturday, tipsy crowds will be ready to welcome the New Year and liquor will flow like a water, Omicron or no Omicron. On an average in Mysuru, the daily liquor sale reaches Rs. 12 crore to Rs. 15 crore mark. Moreover, the celebrations in the last two years were subdued, hence this year's expectation is great euphoria.

Liquor merchants are hoping for a windfall and this will, directly and indirectly, help the State create a record in earning revenue on liquor. There are over 375 licenced liquor selling points in Mysuru including CL-2 (wine stores), CL-4 (clubs), CL-7 (bars, restaurants and lodging), CL-9 (bars and restaurants).

Along with this, there are more than 40 MSIL (Mysore Sales International Ltd.) outlets in Mysuru and liquor stocks are expected to fly off the shelves from Dec. 30 and the sales will peak by the afternoon and evening of Dec. 31. Merchants have decided to stock-up various brands in advance to meet the demand.

A busy time for brisk business

Many wholesale and retail liquor merchants believe that it would be as busy as ever this year as many customers will forego trips to the pubs, bars and clubs to celebrate and would instead look to save money by celebrating the arrival of 2023 at home with friends and family.

"This year is a super opportunity for us as the last two years have been dull, thanks to the pandemic. We are making sure we are fully stocked up, particularly with the regular and premium products. We are expecting a turnover of over Rs. 25 crore on Dec. 31 and Dec. 30 will see us raking in a business of Rs. 20 crore as many will try and avoid last-minute rush," S. Guruswamy, President of the Mysuru Liquor Merchants Association told *Star of Mysore.*

Giving a break-up of numbers, Guruswamy said that over 80,000 litres of liquor are expected to be sold on Dec. 31 and both Indian-Made Liquor (IML) and beer will be in demand. "We have already stocked up over 4,000 cases of IML including bottles having a capacity of 180 ml, 375 ml, 750 ml and 1 litre. There will be a demand for over 40,000 litres of beer. Both beer and IML combined, we might touch 80,000 litres on New Year's Eve," he said.

Parties at 40 hotels and 20 clubs

Notably, for many retail merchants, home delivery of liquor is proving just as profitable on New Year's Eve, when revellers will be looking to celebrate with families inside their home compounds, at their farmhouses, on the banks of lakes and at private picnic spots. In addition, New Year parties have been organised at over 40 hotels and 20 clubs, of course, complying with Police restrictions.

Many people eager to welcome the New Year with a booze party after two years of hiatus may not be aware that **Police permission is a must for public partying.** The details to be submitted include how many people with what quantity of liquor could assemble at a particular place. **DJ music has already been banned by the City Police.**

"The Mysuru city limits will see the consumption of 70 percent of the beer and IML stocks while the rest will be consumed in rural limits and taluks. Many city dwellers will take the stocks and go to secluded places in the taluks to celebrate with families and friends," Guruswamy opined.

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Legendary footballer Pele dies at 82

The three-time world cup-winning football icon from Brazil was battling colon cancer

Sao Paulo, Dec. 30 - Pele, the iconic Brazilian footballer widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time and the only player to have won the FIFA World Cup thrice, died late last night at Albert Einstein Israelite Hospital in Sao Paulo. He was 82.

Pele

Pele breathed his last following colon cancer, for which he was undergoing chemotherapy. However, he stopped responding to chemotherapy and was shifted to palliative care. Pele had a tumour removed from his colon in 2021 and was taking chemotherapy ever since. He cheered for the Brazilian team during the recently concluded FIFA World Cup in Qatar from the hospital bed.

Edson Arantes do Nascimento, popularly known as Pele, was born on Oct. 23, 1940, at Tres Coracoes, in the Brazilian State of Minas Gerais. He gained global superstardom after playing an important part in Brazil's maiden FIFA World Cup triumph in 1958. Still a teenager, Pele fired in a hat-trick in the semi-final against France and followed it up with a brace in the final against Sweden to help the Selecaowin the first of their record five world titles.

He was part of the team again that defended the title in 1962, before adding a third World Cup to his name in 1970, when Brazil famously defeated Italy in the final in what was the first football World Cup to be televised in colour. He scored 12 goals in his World Cup career that included a total of four tournaments.

Pele remained the highest goal-scorer for Brazil, with 77 goals in 95 games, during his lifetime. His record was tied by current Brazil sensation Neymar, during the team's quarter-final loss in the World Cup earlier this month.

Pelé's fame was such that in 1967 factions of a civil war, Nigeria agreed to a brief ceasefire so he could play an exhibition match in the country. He was knighted by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in 1997. He was a politician — Brazil's Extraordinary Minister for Sport — a wealthy businessman and an ambassador for UNESCO and the United Nations. The Brazilian football player, also termed 'The Greatest' by FIFA, had been married thrice. He had a total of 7 children. Three of this generation's footballers - Argentina's Lionel Messi, Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Brazilian Neymar - paid their tributes.

Cabinet creates two new categories for Vokkaligas and Lingayats

Belagavi, Dec. 30- In a bid to meet the persistent demands of the two major communities, the State Cabinet yesterday decided to create two new OBC (Other Backward Castes) categories for Vokkaligas and Lingayats. The reservation demands of the two communities will be met by scooping out of a portion of 10 percent (Economically Weaker Sections) quota.

As per the new reservation announced, Vokkaligas who come under category 3A, will now be placed under new 2C category, while Veerashaiva-Lingayats, who were under Category 3B, will be now placed under the new 2D category. Following the creation of new categories, the existing categories 3A and 3B will be done away with. However, their reservation will continue as earlier— 4 percent for Vokkaligas under the new category 2C and 5 percent for Lingayats under the new category 2D.

The Panchamasali Lingayats, a dominant subsect of Veerashaiva Lingayat community, which had been demanding reservation for long and had also staged an indefinite stir headed by community seers, had set Dec. 29 deadline to the Government for announcing reservation.

At present, OBCs in Karnataka have 32 percent reservation across five categories— Category-1 (4 percent), Category-2A (15 percent), Category-2B (4 percent), Category-3A (4 percent) and Category- 3B (5 percent).

The creation of the new categories was recommended by former Minister Jayaprakash Hegde headed Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes in its interim report submitted recently. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was under immense pressure by the numerically strong Panchamasali Lingayats who wanted to be moved from 3B to 2A for a higher reservation quota. Similarly, Vokkaligas wanted their quota to go up from the existing 4 percent to 12 percent.

Speaking to presspersons on the Cabinet decision, which has brought cheer to Vokkaligas and Lingayat communities, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the Cabinet accepted the recommendation of Jayaprakash Hegde headed Commission.

Maintaining that the Government has not touched any other reservation categories, Madhuswamy said both Vokkaligas and Lingayats wanted to be put under Category 2, which the Government has done now. Asserting that the 103rd amendment of the Constitution has allowed the Government to exceed 10 percentage points, the Minister pointed out that some quota of the EWS reservation will be saved, which will be shared between 2C and 2D.

The Backward Classes Commission will fix the allocation of 10 percent quota to EWS communities (Brahmins, Jains, Arya Vysyas, Nayars and Mudaliars) in proportion to their population, he added.

Plea to rejuvenate Raja Kaluve and connect to Lingambudhi Lake

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (PM&KS) - Dattagalli Green Foundation has urged the authorities concerned to take steps to rejuvenate the *Raja Kaluve* from Republic Park in Dattagalli and connect it to Lingambudhi Lake so that the residents need not suffer from flooding during rainy season.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Foundation President Dr. Narayan Hegde said that the *Raja Kaluve* passing from Republic Park has been choked. As the Raja Kaluve is not connected to the Lake, about 25 houses near the park gets flooded during rains.

He further said that as underground drains are connected to the *Raja Kaluve,* sewage water overflows during rains resulting in foul smell emanating from it besides fear of outbreak of epidemic diseases.

During heavy rains, rain water mixed with sewage water gets accumulated in front of the houses which is also causing inconvenience to motorists and sewage mixed rain water also flows into the lake thus polluting it.

Area residents Harsha, K.V. Ranjith, Suyodhan and others were present at the press meet.

Rishabh Pant injured in car crash

Cricketer dozed off while driving

Roorkee, Dec. 30 - Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant has sustained injuries after his car collided with the divider and caught fire while he was travelling from Delhi to Uttarakhand at around 5:30 am today. Pant was driving his Mercedes-AMG GLE43 car which met with the accident near Roorkee in Uttarakhand.

Director General of Uttarakhand Police, Ashok Kumar, has confirmed that the cricketer was alone in the car at the time of the accident and broke the windscreen to escape from the vehicle after it caught fire.

He has sustained injuries to his head, knee and shin as a result of the accident. There could be a fracture in his leg and he is moved to the Max Hospital in Dehradun.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that entire cost of Rishabh Pant's treatment will be borne by the State.

He was recently dropped from the T20 team announced for the series against Sri Lanka and was supposed to join National Cricket Academy for strength and conditioning programme ahead of February's Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia.

Modi's mother passes away

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Prime Minister Modi would regularly visit Raysan and spend time with his mother during most of his Gujarat visits.

Honouring his mother for her "glorious" life, PM Modi wrote on twitter, "In Maa I have always felt that trinity, which contains the journey of an ascetic, the symbol of a selfless Karmayogi and a life committed to values."

In another tweet, the Prime Minister wrote, "When I met her on her 100th birthday, she said one thing, which is always remembered that is work with intelligence, live life with purity."

Heeraben was said to be recovering on Thursday after the hospital released a statement saying so. She was hospitalised owing to ill health on Wednesday. The Prime Minister had rushed to the hospital in Ahmedabad after learning about his mother's health condition, and stayed there for an hour and a half.

PM Modi, who is scheduled to attend several programmes later in the day, has reportedly not cancelled any of those and left for Ahmedabad from where he travelled to Gandhinagar for the last rites of his mother. He was seen carrying her mortal remains for cremation.

PM Modi was slated to launch development projects worth over Rs. 7,800 crore in West Bengal and flag off the Vande Bharat Express connecting Howrah and New Jalpaiguri later today. The PMO said he will attend the programmes through video conferencing after flying to Gujarat.

On her 100th birthday, on 18 June, PM Modi also shared a special blog for his mother. PM Modi said, "My Mother is as simple as she is extraordinary. Just like all mothers." At a tender age, PM Modi's mother lost her mother. He said, "She does not even remember my grandmother's face or the comfort of her lap. She spent her entire childhood without her mother."

The last rites were performed at a crematorium in Gandhinagar. PM Modi set fire to his mother's funeral pyre and, with folded hands, paid his final respects. A sombre PM Modi, flanked by brother Somabhai and other family members, bid a fond farewell to Heeraben. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel also attended the last rites .

"We thank everyone for their prayers in these tough times. It is our humble request to everyone to keep the departed soul in their thoughts and continue with their pre-decided schedule and commitments. That would be a befitting tribute to Hiraba," PM Modi's family sources said.

Amit Shah inaugurates Mega Milk Dairy

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji lighting the lamp during the inauguration of Mega Milk Dairy at Gejjalagere in Mandya this morning as others look on. Picture right shows Amit Shah arriving amid heavy security.

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Rs. 260 crore Mega Dairy

The Mega Milk Dairy has been built at a five-acre land at an estimated cost of Rs. 260 crore and has the capacity to process 14 lakh litres of milk. MANMUL earlier processed 10 lakh litres. Mandya District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union was formed in 1988 and more than 1,276 Societies are part of the Union along with over 500 Women's Co-operative Societies.

A note from MANMUL said that the dairy is equipped with a plant for producing 30 tonnes of milk powder and has a packing unit that can pack six lakh litres of milk daily. The Mega Dairy has a capacity to produce two lakh litres of ultra-high temperature milk.

Addressing the gathering at the Mega Dairy Complex, Amit Shah said that Karnataka has achieved huge progress in milk production and distribution. The Karnataka Milk Federation that distributed 66,000 litres of milk in 1975 is now distributing 82 lakh litres daily and the business has grown from a meagre Rs. 4 crore to Rs. 25,000 crore.

KMF and AMUL tie-up

"A heartening factor is that of every Rs. 100 of milk production and processing, Rs. 80 is the farmer's share. White Revolution has transformed the lives of farmers and I come from a State (Gujarat) where AMUL has transformed the lives of lakhs of farmers. Anand Milk Union Limited (AMUL) has led Gujarat towards prosperity and the Union Ministry of Co-operation is formulating a plan to link KMF and AMUL so that the White Revolution can get a new dimension," he said.

"With the collaboration between AMUL and KMF, a primary dairy can be established at every village of Karnataka. This is our three-year plan and along with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), there is a major plan to open over 2 lakh primary dairies across the country in villages. We want to involve all farmers in White Revolution," he said.

Amit Shah added that AMUL was ready to give all assistance including technical, technological and routine support to KMF and the Union Co-operation Ministry will facilitate the collaboration between the milk-producing giants. "The Centre is committed to extend the White Revolution all over the country," he added.

MLAs C.S. Puttaraju and D.C. Thammanna, KMF Chairman Balachandra Jarakiholi, MLCs Dinesh Gooligowda, Madhu Madegowda, MANMUL President Ramachandra, Vice-President M.S. Raghunandan, BJP District President C.P. Umesh and others were present at the Mega Dairy inauguration.

The Home Minister later proceeded towards the Government Boys College Grounds on M.C. Road where he is scheduled to address a public gathering. After the engagements in Mandya, Shah will be back in Bengaluru to take part in a Co-operative Convention at the Palace Grounds. Following this, he is scheduled to attend a BJP meeting.

Vast stage, tight security

As part of the Home Minister's public rally at the Government Boys College Grounds, a huge 28x78 ft. stage with over 280 ft. wide and 780 ft. long shamiyana has been laid and over 50,000 seats have been arranged. Over 40 dignitaries will be seated on the dais. Lunch for over 1 lakh people will be served.

Security arrangements were manned by the personnel from Z-Plus special commando force and Mandya Police. Police personnel from Mysuru, Hassan, Tumakuru and Ramanagara have been deployed under the leadership of Southern Range IGP Praveen Madhukar Pawar, who has taken over the security supervision.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway's Mandya stretch opens for a day

To facilitate smooth movement of Amit Shah's convoy, the old Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway that passes through Mandya has been re-asphalted along with the road that leads to PES College and the Mega Dairy. The dairy building has got a fresh coat of paint.

Alternative routes were provided to ensure the Mandya town two-way road is not clogged during the Home Minister's visit. Travellers from Bengaluru to Mysuru and vice-versa were allowed to travel on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway and the Mandya stretch was opened to traffic for a day at V.C. Farm Gate for travellers towards Bengaluru and at Ummadahalli Gate for commuters towards Mysuru.

Only residents of Mandya town have been permitted to move on the old roads and at the centre of the town. This arrangement will be in place till Amit Shah flies back to Bengaluru after his Mandya engagements.

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Major fire at Old Gujari near Lashkar Police Station

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&DM)- A major fire broke out at Old Gujari near Lashkar Police Station limits here this afternoon.

The fire engulfed several shops nearby in the area.

Four fire engines from Bannimantap and Saraswathipuram Fire Stations rushed to the spot on reeving the information.

The fire personnel began dousing out the fire which emanated from the eastern side of the old gujari when we went to the press.

The cause and extent of the damage is not yet known.

A huge crowd had gathered at the spot and Lashkar Police made arrangements to control the crowd.

The fire personnel were acting swiftly to prevent the fire from spreading further and causing more damages.

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In a first for Mysuru, MGP celebrates National Consumer Day with DC

Dr. K.V. Rajendra agrees to streamline office process to reduce waiting time for service-seekers

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Of all the programmes organised by **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)** to celebrate National Consumer Day-2022 (NCD-2022), the one likely to have a long-lasting impact was the one with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mysuru on Dec. 27.

As part of the NCD celebration to empower consumers, MGP had a dialogue with members of District Consumer Redressal Commission led by its President Justice Narayanappa to promote speedy and summary trial, interaction with students at Maharani's Commerce College, two AIR broadcasts on rise and fall of consumer movement and consumer education, day-long food adulteration demonstration at city centre, talk to students at Rotary Brindavan School, interaction with officials at Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and DC's Office to promote "In democracy citizens are masters and not to be treated as servants."

At present, Mysuru is having a down to earth DC, **Dr. K.V. Rajendra** with progressive views on what is expected of a public servant. When MGP approached to organise NCD-2022 to promote the sacred principle of "Citizens are masters", he readily accepted to host the event. But we did not realise that it was he who would lead the presentation.

Despite the last minute emergency to visit hospitals to get ready for COVID, he hurried to meet the MGP delegation. His first response was that there is no need for him to call his staff for MGP to discuss 'citizens being masters' since it is his job and he intends to do himself.

When MGP members told what they had intended, he called all his top officials.

MGP also discussed the often quoted example of "three masons" by famous Management Guru Peter Drucker.

The DC led the discussion by describing how four masons doing exactly the same task of carrying bricks from one place to another place described what they were doing. For one it was just carrying bricks, for second to earn money, for third it was taking care of family and for the fourth it was building a great temple. He urged his staff that they should think like the fourth brick layer to serve the people in a noble way.

He told how he felt sorry when his father had to wait once for two hours to get some work done at a Government Office. The DC suggested to the office staff to think of their parents while serving the public. What a noble thought.

He said that every day when they come to office they should plan to serve at least five citizens in an out-of-the-box way by going out to find their problems and help them. He gave his own example of how he approached some citizens seeking help to get ration cards or land problems. He said that there should be huge cultural change at Government Offices to treat citizens as masters with courtesy.

When the DC is the Chairman of more than 120 District-level Committees, it is humanly impossible for any one to do justice to all the pressing problems.

The need to delegate work was discussed to serve the citizens better, faster and courteously despite the heavy load imposed by the **colonial type of governance** where every problem has to be handled by the DC.

He also agreed to try his level best to streamline the office process to reduce the time service-seekers have to wait while discussing the need to wait for hours to meet him.

Veena concert on Jan. 1

Vidu. Leela *Vid. Giridhar* *Vid. Srivatsa*

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Vidu. L. Leela, a renowned Veena artiste, will be presenting a veena concert at the house of *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Mysore K. Vasudevacharya, Basaveshwara Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road on Jan. 1 between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm.

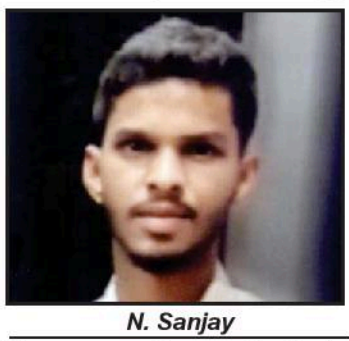
She will be accompanied by Srivatsa K.V. Pallakki on veena and Vid. V.S. Giridhar on mridanga.

Profile: Senior artiste Vidu. Leela has been tutored by Vidu. A.S. Padma and her 'Parama-Guru' Vid. M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar. A "B-High" grade artiste of All India Radio, she has performed at Akashavani South Zone hook up programme. She has performed concerts at many places all over South India and has participated in "Pancha Veena" concerts directed by her tutors and in Western Symphonies organised by Vid. Zakaria.

A School teacher by profession, she has also trained a number of students on Veena.

Accompanying artiste Srivatsa is a disciple of Vidu. Leela while senior mridangist Vid. Giridhar has accompanied most senior artistes in the field.

Bags first prize in essay writing



N. Sanjay

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (SSM) - N. Sanjay, a II PUC student of Sarada Vilas Educational Institution has bagged first place in the essay contest organised by Inspire Film Institute, Nagarabavi, Bengaluru, recently.

The contest was organised across State for School and College students to create awareness about current affairs and also to develop social commitment among students.

Over 6,000 students had taken part in the contest and first, second and third prize was conferred by lyricist, composer and director Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad.

Sanjay got first prize for his essay written on the topic 'Kannada Bhashe Ulivikeyalli Kannadigara Patra' (Role of Kannadigas for conservation of language).

He is the son of farmer couple Nagaraju and Mangala Gowri, residents of Ramenahalli in H.D. Kote taluk.

Temple to distribute 2 lakh ladoos on New Year

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (MTY&SSM) - As many as two lakh ladoos, similar to the famous Tirupati ladoo (laddu), will be distributed at Sri Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar here on New Year Day (Jan. 1) from 4 am for all the devotees who visit the Temple.

Since, 1994, Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple started distributing 1,000 Tirupati-type ladoos as prasada for devotees on New Year Day. However, the quantity of ladoo distribution has increased over the years.

Sixty cooks have been preparing the sweet in the Temple premises from Dec. 21 and will complete it by Dec. 31.

Ladoo preparation

10,000 ladoos, weighing 2 kg each, and two lakh ladoos, weighing 150 gm each, are being prepared using 75-quintal chickpea (besan) flour, 200-quintal sugar, 6,000-litre oil, 200-kg cashew, 200-kg raisins, 100-kg badam, 500-kg diamond sugar, 1,000-kg boora sugar (powdered sugar), 20-kg pista, 40-kg nutmeg (jaikai), 50-kg cardamom (yelakki), 10-kg pache karapura and 100-kg cloves.

The 2-kg ladoos will be distributed to devotees who will offer special seva rituals to Lord Narasimhaswamy while 150-gram ladoos will be distributed to all those devotees barring caste and religion who visit the Temple on New Year Day.

Besides, 20-quintal Puliyogare prasada will also be distributed.

Special pujas and rituals including Sahasranamacharane and abhisheka will be performed to Lord Narasimhaswamy from Dec. 31 midnight. Tomale and Swarna Pushpa will be brought from Sri Ranga Kshetra and Madurai in Tamil Nadu which will be used for decoration. Devotees will be allowed for *darshan* from 4 am on Jan. 1, according to Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, Founder of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple.

'Doctors, nurses should be ready to check spread of Corona'

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (SPN&TRR)- "Doctors and Nurses should always be ready to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic," said Karnataka State Nursing Council Registrar Prasanna Kumar. He was speaking after inaugurating a function to award degree certificates by the JSS College of Nursing at JSS Hospital's Sri Rajendra Centenary Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, here recently.

"Patients will recover quickly and become healthy with the care and concern shown by the doctors and nurses. There is a need to create a robust health care system in the country to handle pandemic like Corona as a new variant of the virus has surfaced in China and is likely to spread to India as well," said Prasanna Kumar.

"Despite revolutions taking place in the field of medicine, the services of doctors and nurses will go on unabated. There have been plenty of revolutions in the medical field at countries like China, America, England and Japan. The use of Robots right from minor works to the treatment of patient is common in those countries. But experts are of the opinion that the treatment of patients using Robots is not that effective," he added.

Continuing, he said that the technology is being used extensively in the health sector. "Robots are being used to perform surgeries too. But can we expect the same love, care and concern shown by the Doctors and Nurses, from Robots? Doctors cannot be always near the patients. But Nurses always stay near patients and work for their well being. Because of this, the role of Nurses in the recovery of patients is very pivotal," opined Prasanna Kumar.

Congratulating the students for completing four-year study in a prestigious institution like JSS Nursing College, he said that the institution has shaped you all to serve in any part of the world. The role of teaching staff is very important in moulding the future of students, concluded Registrar Prasanna Kumar.

At the function, Degree Certificates were presented to 92 students. Meritorious student award was given to Amaya Shaji, best student award to Navang, best clinical student nurse to Kesia, best SNA executive award to Manjunath and Nawang and best NSS swayam sevak awards were bagged by M.R. Darshan and M.K. Manjunath. Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeeta Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Director of Medical Education R. Mahesh, Principal Prof. M.K. Ashwini and others were present.

International Symposium on "Gita for Life" at Amrita

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Amrita International Centre for Spiritual Studies and Department of Languages, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, had organised an International Symposium on "Gita for Life" at its premises in Bogadi II Stage here recently.

Dr. Raghavendra Pai, Renowned Yoga Acharya from Mysuru and Dr. Murlidhar Panda, Director and President, International Sanskrit Academy, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, jointly inaugurated the symposium.

Dr. Pai began his session not with a usual talk but through the medium of a practical session and explained how the bio-magnetic forces work in an individual's life. The Bhagavad Gita gives us learnings for life, no matter what the problem, Gita has a solution. He went on to stress that Gita is in fact a manual for life.

Dr. Murlidhar Panda highlighted that we Indians do not possess concrete facts about the precise date when the Bhagavad Gita was established. It was in fact established 5150 years ago. He put forth an important and unanswered question — if all the knowledge is in the Bhagavad Gita, why is it that Bhagavad Gita has not been incorporated in primary schools?

Dr. Panda opined that the Bhagavad Gita is the best scripture in the world which gives us self-knowledge and it is beyond religion. He concluded his talk by stating 'Our goal should be to make India a universal guide for the world.'

'The Gita Darshanam - Path to Wisdom' Poster Exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Pai on the occasion. The expo presented over 450 posters by the students of Amrita as part of their outcome based learning initiative.

Brahmachari Anantananda Chaitanya, Director and Brahmachari Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent, Amrita Mysuru; Dr. G. Ravindranath, Principal, Amrita Mysuru; Dr. Rekha Bhat, Chairperson, Department of Languages; Dr. Vigneshwara Bhat, Symposium Convener; Dr. Srikantha Parida, Symposium Co-Convener and others were present on the occasion.

Over 500 participants took part in this International Symposium at Amrita Mysuru.

Book on late thinker Prof. Lingadevaru Halemane hits stands

Prof. Lingadevaru Halemane

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Senior writer and thinker Dr. N. Ratna released the book "Hitachintaka," at a function held in commemoration of late thinker and linguist Prof. Lingadevaru Halemane and organised by Desiranga Samskrutika Trust at Jaganmohan Palace recently. The book is written by Trust Secretary Krishna Janamana.

Speaking on the occasion, former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah recalled his association with Prof. Halemane and regretted that "the country is now moving towards old values, instead of exploring new values based on present requirements. Lords of Democracy (people) are becoming slaves in the present situation. Earlier, people used to say- "We, the citizens of India" but now we are being forced to say "We, the Slaves of India".

It is said that those who don't know History can't create History, but today who doesn't know History are also talking about History. People are being instigated citing caste, language and religious issues. Prof. Halemane was not just a Linguist. He was also a creative writer and his range of study was far and wide. The present rulers are engaged in killing people, sowing hatred among citizens and creating rifts among various castes and religions apart from making the people corrupt," he added.

Stating that our Democracy is in danger, he pointed out that our Constitution has given equal opportunities to people of all languages, caste and religion. "But this is being twisted to suit the political needs. Our youths should understand all this. India's Dharma Chakra is moving backwards. Those who talk about all these are being threatened with dire consequences and people fear to raise such issues," he rued.

Theatre activist Prof. H.S. Umesh, Nanda Halemane, writer Krishna Janamana and publisher U.S. Mahesh were present.

Obituary

Udiyanda S. Lokesh

Mysuru, Dec. 30 - Udiyanda S. Lokesh (58), son of late Subramani and a resident of No. 463, 15th Cross, G Block in Ramakrishnanagar, passed away yesterday night in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

WORD OF THE DAY

Morass

Pronunciation: muh-RASS.
Meaning: Morass is used literally to refer to an area of soft, wet ground, especially a marsh or swamp. It is also often used figuratively to mean "a complicated or unpleasant situation that is difficult to get out of or to move through."
Origin: We won't swamp you with details: morass comes from the Dutch word moeras, which itself derives from an Old French word, maresc, meaning "marsh." Morass has been part of English for centuries, and in its earliest uses was a synonym of swamp or marsh. (That was the sense Robert Louis Stevenson used when he described Long John Silver emerging from "a low white vapour that had crawled during the night out of the morass" in Treasure Island.) Imagine walking through a thick, muddy swamp: it's easy to compare such slogging to an effort to extricate yourself from a sticky situation. By the mid-19th century, morass had gained a figurative sense, and could refer to any predicament that was as murky, confusing, or difficult to navigate as a literal swamp.

THE ODD WORD

Macromancy

Divination using large objects.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Many happy returns

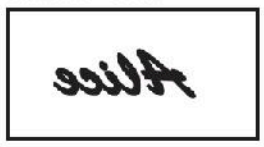
Meaning: Have many more happy days, especially birthdays.
Origin: Since the 18th century this has been used as a salutation to offer the hope that a happy day being marked would recur many more times. It is now primarily used on birthdays; prior to the mid 19th century it was used more generally, at any celebratory or festive event. The full version of the expression is 'Happy birthday and many happy returns of the day.' The first record one can find of it in print is in Joseph Addison's political discourse The Freeholder, 1752: "THE usual salutation to a man upon his birth day among the ancient Romans was Multos et Foelices; in which they wished him many happy returns of it." It has been suggested that the returns being wished for are the returns on an investment and that the salutation is wishing for someone's good fortune in business. The citation from Addison above makes it clear that isn't the case.

QUOTE BOX

There is no path to happiness; happiness is the path. — **Buddha**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Alice through the looking glass.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Mouth
4 Prime Minister's Off.
7 VT now
10 Partiality
12 Have person's ___ : have a person's favourable attention?
13 English painter
15 Unspecified place
17 Expression of disgust
18 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
19 Scandinavian?
20 The Nile flows through this country
23 Unruly child
25 Afternoon refreshers?
26 Sea near Greece
29 One limb of the body
30 Attorney's deg.
31 Voice of America
33 Regard highly
36 Leaps on one foot
37 On your guard!
38 A, E, I, O or U?
39 Pigtail
42 __ Francisco : river of Brazil?
43 Deserve
44 Harassing or pursuing
49 The burglar's loot
50 Amer. Depository Rcpt.
51 Bath tablet
52 Fr. holy title
53 Rock group ___ Leppard
54 ___ and downs : one gets them in one's life or on a swing?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	U	D	E		I	A	M		M	O	T	E		
A	R	I	D		N	S	E		E	V	E	N		
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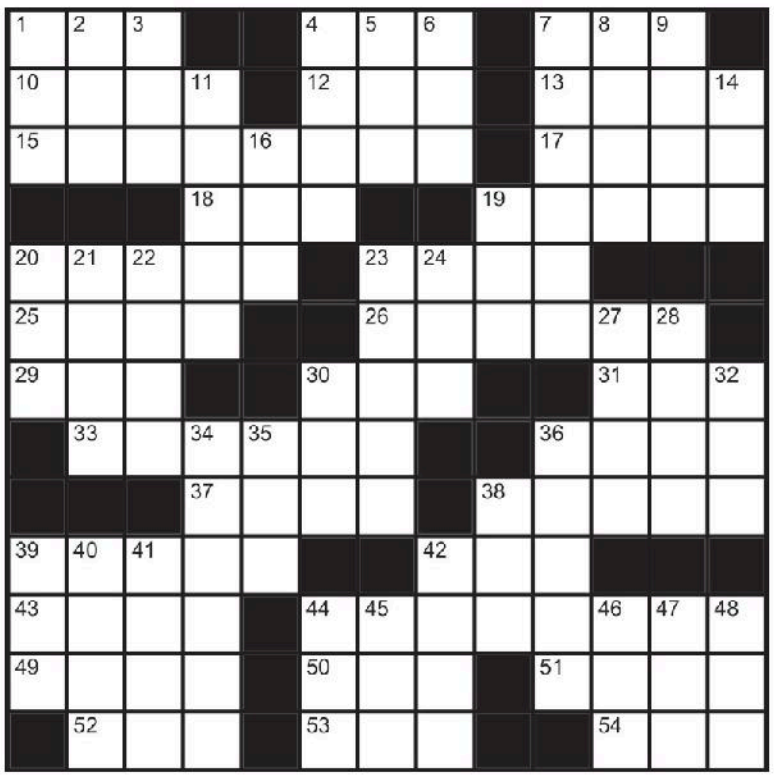
DOWN

1 IIM grad
2 The Scottish for 'own'
3 Method
4 Look closely at
5 Spoil
6 Feldspar or bauxite
7 Prairie wolf
8 Goad a horse
9 Habitual spasmodic contractions of facial muscles
11 Switches or barters
14 ___ out : make living or support with difficulty?
16 Stetson or bowler?
19 An old horse
20 Greek vowel
21 Pretty Woman star Richard ____
22 Edible roots
23 Mild and pleasant weather
24 Bright colour
27 Declare
28 No, "peon" changed!
30 Gaelic sea god
32 Above sea level
34 Sharp, darting pain
35 Chew and swallow
36 Loose coverings for the head
38 Goods vehicle
39 Footlike organ
40 Tenets or rules
41 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
42 Navigate the web
44 Did possess
45 It may be Horation, Pindaric or Sapphic?
46 Debtor's letters
47 A short day sleep
48 Global Positioning Sys.



SUDOKU

5								2
		9		5	4			
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	7		3		5		6	
		4				9	7	
	2			1		7		
			8	3		6		
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Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	2	8	7	3	5	1	6
5	6	8	1	2	4	7	3	9
1	3	7	9	5	6	8	4	2
2	5	1	6	3	9	4	8	7
3	7	4	2	1	8	9	6	5
6	8	9	5	4	7	1	2	3
9	1	5	4	6	2	3	7	8
7	4	6	3	8	5	2	9	1
8	2	3	7	9	1	6	5	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AFVIK ZWK UMFYY DY UMKKPKM SP ZWK SZWKM

YDHK HKQKPHY TWS TFY YZFPHDPU DP DZ. YSAKZDAKY

VSX WFEK ZS US SEKM ZWKMK FPH GSSB.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Once Upon a Time in Jamaligudda - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Love Story 1998 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Naanu Adu Mattu Saroja (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Padavi Poorva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kantara (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Kantara (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Kingdom of the Dinosaurs (E) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — **Ph: 2520009**
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Once upon a time in Jamaaligudda (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Kantara (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Made in Bangaluru (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Driver Jamuna (Ta)	(S-2)	2.05 pm
Lucky Lakshman (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Oh My Ghost (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Cirkus (H)	(S-3)	11.05 am
Padavi Poorva (K)	(S-3)	1.55 pm
Naanu Adhu Mathu Saroja (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Raangi (Ta)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Top Gear (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Avatar: The way of water (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 2.30 pm 6.10 pm, 9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Avatar: The way of water (K-3D)	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 7.45 pm
Jordan (K)	10.30 am
Once upon a time in Jamaligudda (K)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm 4.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Vedha (K)	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 6.30 pm
Made in Bengaluru (K)	12.40 pm
Naanu Adu Mattu Saroja (K)	4.00 pm
Padavi Poorva (K)	4.35 pm
Top Gear (Te)	6.50 pm
Djinn (M)	9.15 pm
Oh My Ghost (Ta)	9.35 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	9.45 am, 10.45 am, 1.40 pm 2.40 pm, 5.35 pm, 6.35 pm 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E)	2.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Once upon a time in Jamaligudda (K)	10.30 am, 12.50 pm 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Vedha (K)	11.25 am, 3.30 pm 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Cirkus (H)	12.00 noon
Kantara (K)	1.20 pm
Padavi Poorva (K)	4.30 pm
Made in Bengaluru (K)	6.25 pm
Naanu Adu Mattu Saroja (K)	7.25 pm

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	9.15 am, 10.15 am, 1.10 pm 2.10 pm, 5.05 pm, 6.05 pm 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Once Upon a Time in Jamaligudda (K)	9.30 am, 3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Vedha (K)	12.10 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Story 1998 (K)	1.15 pm
Dwipatra (K)	3.50 pm
Padavi Poorva (K)	6.35 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 30)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Dhanurmasa special pujas, Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru:** Solo painting expo by Narasimhulu P. Byageri, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **up to 5 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, Sneha Balaga and Bhavanantharanga Music School:** Kum. Bhavana Kuppal Endowment programme, Prof. M. Krishnegowda inaugurates and delivers a lecture on 'Karune Bandare Kayo, Marana Bandare Oyyo,' Balaga President H.G. Parashivappa, will be present, Parishat President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Shiva Temple premises, Srirampura, **4 pm.**
- **Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** Swaralaya Cultural Fest 2022-23, music teacher Vid. C. Chethan inaugurates, music teacher Vidu. Chandrika chief guest, Swaralaya Founder-President Vidu. Dr. Suma Harinath presides; Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club:** 18th AGM, Club President Kuttimada D. Muthappa presides, Gurumane Hall, Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara:** Anniversary, KSOU Kannada Professor Dr. Jyothi Shankar chief guest, Maharaja Education Trust President Dr. S. Murali presides, Vivekananda Rangamantapa, institution premises, Lakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri, Mysuru and Department of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru:** Valedictory of Silver Jubilee Year celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji releases the book 'Gejje-Hejje' Nrityagiri-25 (Edited by Dr. Deepa Phadke), writer Divakar Hegde speaks about the book, Ganabharathi Hon. Chief Patron Dr. C.G. Narasimhan presides, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and writer from Mandya Dr. Pradeep Kumar Hebri chief guests, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by students of Nrityagiri, Vidu. Sameeksha Manukumar on natuvanga, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Pooja Sugam on vocal, Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad on flute, Vidu. Roopashri Madhusudan comperes, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**
- **Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust:** Swara Lahari, vocal concert by B.R. Alap and Divya Sachi, Shanmukha Sajja on keyboard, Atmaram on tabla and Vinay Rangadol on rhythm pad, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Discourse by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Krishnamurthypuram Rama Mandira, **6.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam:** Discourse by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Kamala Raman Mandira, **6.15 pm.**
- **Nadaranga, Mysuru and Department of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru:** Natakotsava, theatre director Rangaswamy of Rangananda Kalasangha, Mysuru, speaks; Staging of Dr. H.K. Ramanath's children's play 'Matte Badukiri' by Sri Gurukala Shale, Mysuru, directed by H.S. Kavitha, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.45 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 31)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Dhanurmasa pujas, **5 am to 6.30 am;** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Suprabha Nagesh Rao Seva Pratishtana:** Solo recitation (108 times) 'Vishnu Sahasranama' for World Peace, #622, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Sharadadevinagar, **8 am to 10 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamala Raman Mandira, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA):** Release of calendar and diary, *Star of Mysore* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy, Mayor Shivakumar, Siddharta Group Chairman P.V. Giri, chief guests, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar presides, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga:** Presentation of Hoysala Award -2022 to 13 achievers in various fields, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara - High School:** Annual day, Mysore Akashavani Programme Executive Diwakar Hegde, chief guest, Shishuvihara President Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar presides, Swami Vivekananda Rangamantapa, School premises, Lakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **up to 9 pm;** Police Band, **11 pm to 12 midnight;** display of fireworks to welcome New Year, Palace premises, **12 midnight.**

- **Maalini Nrutya Shaale mattu Samskrutika Kendra and Dept. of Kannada and Culture:** 'Daasavani' by Dr. V. Maalini and troupe, Sri Brahmatantra Swatantra Parakala auditorium, Lakshmi Vilasa road, near Jagan Mohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Samithi:** Felicitation to MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar, Hosa Mutt's Sri Chidanananda Swamiji graces the occasion, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar presides, Mysuru District Unit Akhila Bharatha Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Helavarahundi Siddappa and Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, chief guests, Patrakarthara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **12 noon.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Sambashiva Prahasana', Playwright: Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, Direction: Karthik S. Upamanyu, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Lucky Lakshman (Te)	(S-3)	10.20 pm
Raangi (Ta)	(S-3)	11.05 am
Driver Jamuna (Ta)	(S-3)	4.50 pm

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	(S-3)	9.50 am
Sembi (Ta)	(S-4)	10.20 pm
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	(S-3)	3.05 pm
Alpha (K)	(S-3)	3.05 pm
Nanu Adhu Mathu Saroja (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
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